

What is claimed is:

1. An image information processing apparatus capable of receiving a medical image and accompanying information on the medical image from each of a plurality of medical image generating apparatuses, and outputting the medical image and the accompanying information to each of a plurality of output apparatuses, the apparatus comprising:

an image display for displaying the medical image and the accompanying information received;

a storage for determining and storing at least one of a first editing method for editing the accompanying information for each of the plurality of medical image generating apparatuses and a second editing method for editing the accompanying information for each of the plurality of output apparatuses; and

an editing section comprising at least one of a first editing section for editing the accompanying information outputted from each of the plurality of medical image generating apparatuses in the first editing method stored before displaying the accompanying information on the image display and a second editing section for editing the accompanying information in the second editing method stored after displaying the accompanying information on the image display before outputting the accompanying information to each of the plurality of output apparatuses.

2. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of output apparatuses include an image storage apparatus and an image observation apparatus.

3. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the plurality of output apparatuses include a plurality of image storage apparatuses and a plurality of image observation apparatuses.

4. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the editing includes at least one of adding, changing, replacing, deleting, moving, copying and exchanging the accompanying information.

5. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one of an image processing parameter, patient information and examination information.

6. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein an item and content of the accompanying information as an object of the editing are obtained from an external information management apparatus storing patient information, examination information and order information.

7. The apparatus of claim 1, wherein communication

with the plurality of medical image generating apparatuses and the plurality of output apparatuses is carried out based on a medical standard network protocol.

8. The apparatus of claim 1, further comprising a determining section for determining whether to edit the accompanying information for each of the plurality of output apparatuses or not.

9. A medical network system comprising:
an image information processing apparatus;
a plurality of medical image generating apparatuses each of which sends a medical image and accompanying information on the medical image to the image information processing apparatus; and

a plurality of output apparatuses to each of which the image information processing apparatus outputs the medical image and the accompanying information;

the image information processing apparatus comprising:

an image display for displaying the medical image and the accompanying information received;

a storage for determining and storing at least one of a first editing method for editing the accompanying information for each of the plurality of medical image generating apparatuses and a second editing method for

editing the accompanying information for each of the plurality of output apparatuses; and

an editing section comprising at least one of a first editing section for editing the accompanying information outputted from each of the plurality of medical image generating apparatuses in the first editing method stored before displaying the accompanying information on the image display and a second editing section for editing the accompanying information in the second editing method stored after displaying the accompanying information on the image display before outputting the accompanying information to each of the plurality of output apparatuses.

10. The system of claim 9, wherein the plurality of output apparatuses include an image storage apparatus and an image observation apparatus.

11. The system of claim 9, wherein the plurality of output apparatuses include a plurality of image storage apparatuses and a plurality of image observation apparatuses.

12. The system of claim 9, wherein the editing includes at least one of adding, changing, replacing, deleting, moving, copying and exchanging the accompanying information.

13. The system of claim 9, wherein the accompanying information includes at least one of an image processing parameter, patient information and examination information.

14. The system of claim 9, wherein an item and content of the accompanying information as an object of the editing are obtained from an external information management apparatus storing patient information, examination information and order information.

15. The system of claim 9, wherein communication between the image information processing apparatus, the plurality of medical image generating apparatuses and the plurality of output apparatuses is carried out based on a medical standard network protocol.

16. The system of claim 9, wherein the image information processing apparatus further comprises a determining section for determining whether to edit the accompanying information for each of the plurality of output apparatuses or not.